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Aua nei taofi Sa

- His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Ta'isi Efi



On April 3, 2023, Chief of Staff Loa Tuimavave T. Laupola and several staff members joined their Highnesses Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Ta'isi Efi and Masiofo Filifilia Tamasese for a discussion about their perspective on the retention of the Samoan language, preserving the

Samoa culture, climate change, leadership, and Tui Atua's writings. His Highness Tui Atua importance of youth and parents' responsibility to work together, communicate, build reflected on one of his special remarks presented to the Catholic Youth of Samoa in Apia entitled after a Samoan proverb, "*O le I'a iti'iti le Igaga, ae a'ea afu loloto*". Tui Atua discussed the relationships and have an appreciation for our environment. There will be challenges, but Tui Atua reminded the youth to persevere through life hurdles. The honorable Tui Atua exemplifies his *mau* or one of his guiding statements "Aua ne'i taofi sa", sharing the wealth of knowledge and wisdom with the next generation. "When we pass on, the next generation will tell these stories", said Tui Atua.

His Highness Tui Atua reminisced about his experience last weekend when he stepped foot on Manu'a's sacred lands for the first time. Tui Atua shared that he would not forgive himself if he did not pay his respects and tribute to the ancestors and the people of Manu'a. "Manu'a is dear to my heart." Tui Atua shared that he has ties to Manu'a and that Masiofo Filifili's parents served as pastors in Tau, Manu'a. The discussion concluded with singing and listening to the songs of the village of Asau, Savaii as they tell the stories of Tui Atua's lineage.

